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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON KIRILLIN SEPTEMBER 10: BILATERAL  
COOPERATION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING AMBASSADOR'S SEPTEMBER 10 FAREWELL  
CALL ON KIRILLIN, LATTER:

--SAID HE WOULD BE UNABLE TO ATTEND DECEMBER JOINT  
COMMISSION MEETING, AND WOULD PROPOSE JANUARY-FEBRUARY DATES  
CONVENIENT TO STEVER;

--SAID MAIN EFFORT IN BILATERAL COOPERATION FIELD  
SHOULD BE IN AREAS WHERE THINGS ARE GOING WELL, LEAVING  
OTHERS "TO GOD";

--MENTIONED ELECTROMETALLURGY, COMPUTER APPLICATIONS  
TO MANAGEMENT, AND SCIENCE POLICY AS ESPECIALLY PRODUCTIVE  
OR PROMISING AREAS;

--ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT FOR MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
TO WORK ON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PURCHASE DIRECTLY WITH  
"SPERRY RAND" (SEPTTEL);

--STRESSED GOOD BASIS FOR COOPERATION IN EXISTING  
AGREEMENT, AND NEED TO CONTINUE; AND

--DESCRIBED WORK OF NEW INSTITUTE DIRECTED BY  
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GIVISHIANI (SEPTTEL). END SUMMARY.

2. AMBASSADOR'S SEPTEMBER 10 FAREWELL CALL ON DEPUTY PREMIER AND SCST CHAIRMAN V.A. KIRILLIN INCLUDED FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON STATUS AND PROSPECTS FOR U.S.-SOVIET BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS.

3. KIRILLIN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED OUR LETTER PROPOSING EARLY DECEMBER FOR THE MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE, AND HE UNDERSTOOD SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAD GONE INTO THIS CHOICE OF DATES, LIKE THE NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS HERE AND THE U.S.S. ELECTIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ATTEND IN THIS PERIOD, AND HE WOULD BE PROPOSING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, AT WHATEVER DATES WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR DR. STEVER. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT BOXING IN THE MEETING INTO A SINGLE WEEK IN DECEMBER LEFT HIM WITH TOO LITTLE CHOICE. WHEN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHERE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT IN THE U.S., KIRILLIN SAID MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON THE TIME AVAILABLE, AND HE HAD ALWAYS FOUND THAT THE VARIANTS PROPOSED BY HOSTS WERE THE BEST.

4. IN RESPONSE TO DR. STEVER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE, KIRILLIN SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE IT, AND ASKED THAT HIS SINCERE GREETINGS BE TRANSMITTED TO DR. STEVER IN RETURN. HE HAD READ OF THE UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FOR DR. STEVER'S APPOINTMENT WITH GREAT PLEASURE.

5. KIRILLIN RECEIVED AND READ WITHOUT COMMENT THE LETTER ON EXCHANGE OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FROM DR. STEVER. HE EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR DR. ANKER-JOHNSON'S CAPACITY AND ENERGY, AND REMEMBERS HER GREAT INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.

6. IN RESPONSE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATION THAT HE FORESAW NO PROBLEM WITH EXTENSION OF THE S&T AND SPACE AGREEMENTS, KIRILLIN SAID HE THOUGHT THE MAIN EFFORT SHOULD GO INTO DEVELOPING COOPERATION IN AREAS WHERE THINGS ARE GOING WELL, LEAVING THE OTHERS "TO GOD". ASKED WHETHER THIS MEANT CUTTING BACK ON OR DROPPING PROJECTS, KIRILLIN SAID IT DID: THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT COOPERATION WORKS IN AREAS OF REAL MUTUAL INTEREST WHERE THERE IS A REASONABLE CHANCE  
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7. ASKED ABOUT WHICH AREAS HE SAW AS MOST PRODUCTIVE SO FAR, KIRILLIN MENTIONED ELECTROMETALLURGY, COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, AND ALSO THE SCIENCE POLICY WORKING GROUP. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER, HE SAID IT COULD BE MADE MORE EFFECTIVE AND PRODUCTIVE, BUT HE HAS BEEN TOLD THERE ARE ALREADY INTERESTING RESULTS.

8. IN RESPONSE TO KIRILLIN'S QUESTION ABOUT OUR VIEWS, SCIENCE COUNSELOR POINTED TO ELECTROMETALLURGY AND CHEMICAL CATALYSIS AS ESPECIALLY BRIGHT SPOTS, AND THEORETICAL PHYSICS AS AN AREA WHERE MUCH MORE COULD BE DONE. ON THEORETICAL PHYSICS, KIRILLIN ASKED RHETORICALLY WHAT COULD BE DONE BEYOND MEETINGS OF SPECIALISTS AND EXCHANGE OF SHORT-TERM STUDY PERIODS (STAZHERY). WHEN SCIENCE COUNSELOR MENTIONED IDEA OF A MEETING LASTING SOME WEEKS, TO DEVELOP A JOINT REPORT, KIRILLIN ASKED WHY NOT A SYMPOSIUM, WHICH COULD BE EITHER U.S.-SOVIET OR "MULTILATERAL", AND STUDY TOURS, NOT NECESSARILY ONLY BY YOUNG SPECIALISTS.

9. ON OTHER TOPICS, KIRILLIN ASKED MILDLY WHETHER THE CONSTRUCTION GROUP HAD BEGUN ITS WORK, AND THEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WAS HAPPY WITH THE TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT, AND ANNOUNCED THAT AGREEMENT HAD NOW BEEN REACHED FOR THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION TO WORK DIRECTLY WITH SPERRY RAND ON THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM PURCHASE, RATHER THAN THROUGH THE SWEDES (SEPTTEL).

10. IN A CONCLUDING EXCHANGE, THE AMBASSADOR SAID EXTENSIVE BILATERAL COOPERATION HAD A GOOD BEGINNING DURING HIS TENURE IN MOSCOW, AND NOW IS A TIME FOR PRACTICAL WORK IN CONTINUATION. KIRILLIN REPLIED THAT HE SAW NO BASIS WHY THIS SHOULD NOT BE SO; TRADE TIES WERE ALSO DEVELOPING. THE AMBASSADOR, REFERRING TO OBSTACLES ON BOTH SIDES, SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REMOVE THEM NEXT YEAR, AND THEN WENT ON TO REFER TO FAVORABLE EVENTS OF THE PAST THREE YEARS, INCLUDING THREE MEETINGS AT THE SUMMIT AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS WE HAVE SIGNED. "OF AGREEMENTS THERE IS NO INSUFFICIENCY,"  
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CLOSED KIRILLIN: WHAT IS NEEDED IS TO CONTINUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WORK WE HAD BEGUN.

11. COMMENT: KIRILLIN, FLANKED BY YASTREBOV (HEAD OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT) WAS HIS RELAXED SELF, AND SEEMED GENUINELY TO BE LOOKING FORWARD TO HIS THIRD TRIP TO U.S. HE REMEMBERED PRESIDENT FORD'S COMMENT THAT HE HAS THUS FAR ONLY SEEN THE PERIPHERY OF THE U.S. AND SHOULD GET TO KNOW MID-AMERICA ALSO; THIS WAS ONLY HINT HE GAVE ON HIS PREFERENCES.

12. THERE IS LITTLE QUESTION THAT KIRILLIN IS TIMING HIS ARRIVAL IN U.S. SO THAT HE CAN, AS WITH HIS LAST TRIP, COME BACK AND REPORT ON ANY POSSIBLE NEW TRENDS WITHIN A NEW ADMINISTRATION IN THE U.S. (HE WAS FIRST SOVIET

MINISTER TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD IN 1974.)

13. AT SAME TIME, PERHAPS BECAUSE HE IS LOOKING TO FUTURE  
RATHER THAN PRESENT, HE WAS CLEARLY NOT PREPARED TO CONDUCT  
CURRENT BUSINESS AT THIS MEETING.

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